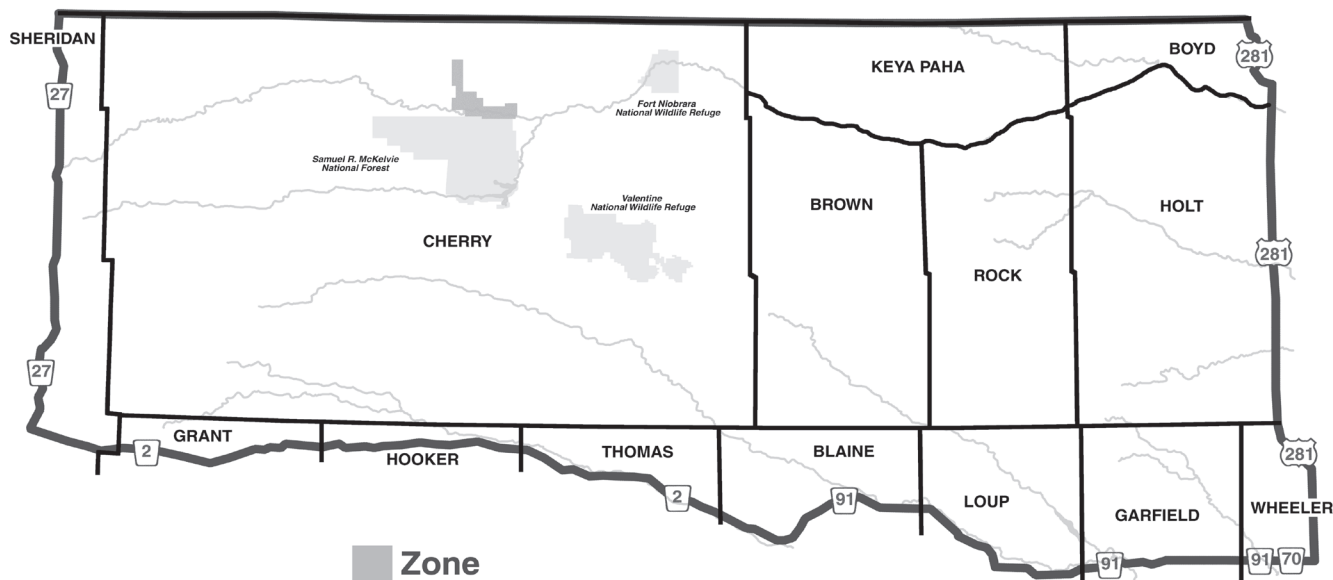


2010 Niobrara River Elk Unit



MANAGEMENT UNIT DESCRIPTION: Those parts of Sheridan, Cherry, Brown, Keya Paha, Rock, Holt, Boyd, Grant, Hooker, Thomas, Blaine, Loup, Garfield and Wheeler counties south of the Nebraska-South Dakota state line, east of Nebraska Highway 27, west of U.S. Highway 281 and north of Nebraska highways 2 and 91. **NOTE:** Fort Niobrara National Wildlife Refuge is not open to elk hunting.

CHECKING: Elk taken in the Niobrara River Unit may be checked at any of the check stations listed below. Notify the check station by phone one hour or more before you plan to arrive. This will allow a Nebraska Game and Parks Commission biologist the opportunity to be there to examine the animal. You also may contact the biologists directly and make arrangements to meet them at a check station.

Elk Check Stations

Alliance	NGPC Office (8 a.m.-5 p.m., M-F)	299 Husker Rd.	(308) 363-2940
Bridgeport	Cenex	102 W 5th St.	(308) 262-0827
Chadron	Big Bat's Shell	1250 W. U.S. Hwy 20	(308) 432-6880
Crawford	Crossroads Mini Mart	U.S. Hwy 20 at Neb. Hwy. 71	(308) 665-2000
Bassett	NGPC Office (8 a.m.-5 p.m., M-F)	524 Panzer	(402) 684-2921
Bassett	Rock County Sheriff	400 State St.	(402) 684-3811
Valentine	Fred's Baits	319 W. U.S. Hwy. 20	(402) 389-0298
Valentine	Fish Hatchery	North of Neb. Hwy. 12, Green Street	(402) 376 2244
			(402) 376-5908
Norfolk	NGPC Office (8 a.m.-5 p.m., M-F)	2201 N. 13th St.	(402) 370-3374
Spencer	Sheri Neilan	204 Southwest St.	(402) 589-1449
North Platte	Minnow Bucket	1009 S. Jeffers	(308) 532-2676
North Platte	NGPC Office (8 a.m.-5 p.m., M-F)	301 E. State Farm Rd.	(308) 535-8025
	After hours or weekends call:	Lance, (308) 963-4278	Dirk, (308) 532-9190
		Robert, (308) 532-8242	Dudley, (308) 532-0747
Curtis	Sheriff's Office	306 Center Ave.	(308) 367-4411

2010 Elk Hunting Regulations

Seasons

Bull Permits

Sept. 25 - Oct. 24

Antlerless Permits

Sept. 25 - Oct. 24, Dec. 1 - 21

Boyd Unit

Aug. 15 - Nov. 12, Nov. 22 - Dec. 31

Shooting Hours

It is legal to shoot 30 minutes before sunrise to 30 minutes after sunset.

Bag Limit

One elk as specified on permit.

Legal Methods

Rifles, 26 caliber or larger that deliver at least 2,000 foot-pounds of energy at 100 yards. Muzzleloading rifles, 45 caliber or larger. Longbows and compound bows are allowed.

Note: Semi-automatic firearms capable of holding more than six cartridges are not allowed.

Sights

It is unlawful to use any electrical device to amplify natural light or to project a light beam or image to a target, including night-vision or infrared scopes and laser sights. Red-dot and illuminated reticle sights and scopes are permitted. Magnifying and variable-power scopes are allowed.

Get Permission

Most hunting in Nebraska is done on private land, where permission is required. It is unlawful to hunt with a rifle within 200 yards of an occupied dwelling or feedlot without specific permission for that purpose or within 100 yards using other methods.

Hunting Methods

It is unlawful to chase, harass, shoot or shoot at any elk from a vehicle or vessel while the vehicle or vessel is moving. It is unlawful to shoot from the right-of-way of a public road. It is unlawful to carry a firearm on a snowmobile, except when it is unloaded and in a case. It is unlawful to hunt from or with a snowmobile.

Tagging

Immediately after an elk is taken, the hunter must punch or notch the permit, showing the date taken and sex of the animal. Punching or notching automatically cancels the permit. The permit must be kept with the hunter and/or the elk at all times. When the animal is not with the hunter, the entire permit must remain with the elk.

Sale of Parts

It is lawful to sell the hide, hair, hooves, bones, and antlers of any elk that is taken legally. The sale or purchase of elk meat is unlawful.

Checking

Each elk must be delivered by the permit holder to an official check station within 48 hours of the kill. The carcass may be separated into halves or quarters, provided that evidence of sex is retained on each hind quarter/half. Head and hide must accompany the carcass to the check station. The permit/tag and check station seal must be retained while transporting elk to a point of permanent storage or processing.

Hunter Orange

Any person, except archers, hunting antelope, elk, bighorn sheep, or deer during an authorized firearm season must display on his or her head, chest and back at least 400 square inches of hunter orange material.

Possession

There is no restriction on the length of time game birds or game animals may be possessed. However, it is unlawful to possess more than a possession limit of game birds or game animals.

Permit

A permit or tag is valid only in the area for which it is issued and must be signed by the permittee. It is unlawful to borrow a permit or tag or to transfer or loan a permit or tag to another person.

Spotlighting

It is unlawful to use a spotlight or other artificial light from a vehicle or vessel while having in possession or control any firearm, crossbow or bow and arrow.

Habitat Stamp

All residents 16 years of age and older and all nonresidents regardless of age must carry proof of a valid habitat stamp while hunting big game. Only one habitat stamp is necessary for all hunting in any calendar year. Individuals with valid, fee-exempt permits are not required to purchase a habitat stamp to hunt big game. Those hunting their own land with a landowner permit do not need a habitat stamp.

Use of Radio

It is unlawful to use two-way radios or any other electronic devices to transmit information about the location of any game animal or game bird to or from a conveyance of any type (including vehicles, aircraft, boats, snowmobiles, all-terrain vehicles, etc.).

Hunter Education

Required for all hunters ages 12 through 29: 1) hunting with either a firearm or crossbow must have on their person proof of successful completion of Firearm Hunter Education; 2) hunting deer, antelope, elk, or bighorn sheep with bow and arrow must carry proof of successful completion of Bowhunter Education; 3) who have not completed a Firearm Hunter and/or Bowhunter Education course may obtain an Apprentice Hunter Education Exemption Certificate from the Commission.

Apprentice Hunter Education Exemption Certificate

This certificate provides the novice hunter age 12 and older an opportunity to try hunting and receive training from an experienced hunter before completing Hunter Education. A hunter using this certificate must be accompanied at all times while hunting. This certificate may be obtained once in each person's lifetime, expires on Dec. 31 and may be renewed once. The fee is \$5. Accompanied is defined as: in the presence of a licensed "experienced" hunter age 19 or older. The accompanying person, if age 19-29, must be certified in hunter education. There may be no more than two hunters using the certificate accompanied by the "experienced" hunter at any time and the "experienced" hunter must at all times be in unaided visual and verbal communication with the child under age 12 and/or the "apprentice" hunter ages 12 through 29.

Baiting

It is unlawful to take elk within 200 yards of a site upon which feed, feed or mineral supplement, or bait has been placed within the previous 60 days. This does not include placement of food or food/mineral supplement in the active operation of husbandry for domesticated livestock other than domesticated cervidae (family that deer belong to). It does not prevent the take of animals on or near planted food plots. It does not allow adjacent landowners to bait an area and prevent the take of animals on property owned by others.